

REMARKS

The courtesies extended by Examiner Deuble through telephone conversations and the email of April 23, 2009 are greatly appreciated.

In the Office Action dated March 23, 2009, claims 1, 3-7, and 15-20 were indicated as allowable. The remaining claims included claim objections or rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, but were not otherwise rejected over the prior art of record. Applicant has amended or canceled appropriate claims so that the claim objections and rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 have been addressed. Specifically, Applicant has offered claim amendments to claims 2, 14, and 19, and has canceled claims 6 and 8-13. Claims 1, 3-5, 15-18, and 20 remain as originally filed. Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

For all of the reasons set out above, applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance. Such action is respectively requested at an early date. If the Examiner believes that there are further issues that need discussion or clarification, he is invited to contact the undersigned. If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response not already accounted for, the Examiner is authorized to charge any such fee to Deposit Account No. 01-0265. Any overpayment or refund should be credited to Deposit Account No. 01-0265.

Respectfully submitted,

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